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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Brush Wellman Road/Utah SR-174 Upgrade, Phase II in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Juab County, Utah, located at 75 North 500 West, Nephi, Utah, 84648 United States. The funding would be used to repair the physical road with repaving, foundational repairs such as replacement of the roadbed where needed and culvert replacement, and replacement and upgrading of safety features like signage and guardrails. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the economy of southern Utah and the U.S. supply of beryllium (rare metal critical to defense, nuclear, space, and medical industries) relies on a well-maintained transportation network. The Brush Wellman Highway is a vital arterial road that serves the communities of Callao, Partoun, and Trout Creek, the West Desert High School, Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge, and the only source of U. S. beryllium located in the west desert area of our county. The only beryllium source in the western hemisphere is a mine located in Juab County, Utah and it is served by this single county-maintained state road, now falling into increasing disrepair. This repair is Juab's number one transportation priority and completion will represent a significant investment in the region and the nation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 23 USC 133.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chris Stewart
Member of Congress